

Army Notes Special Yule Leave Plan

Applicants who desire enlistment into the regular Army during the period of December 15 to 31, and who specifically request leave, may be granted

Card Party

Regular monthly card party of St. Catherine Labouré's Council of Women will be held in the parish hall at 3846 Redondo Beach Blvd. December 9 at 8 p.m. Mrs. Schneider and her district will host the party this month.

leave not to exceed 15 days delay enroute to their first destination, except that in no instance will such delay extend beyond January 3, 1956.

This Department of the Army policy has been issued to the recruiting main stations to allow persons who enlist during the period, who request leave, to spend the holidays at home prior to reporting for basic training.

For further information applicants may contact the local Army Recruiting office in the Post Office bldg., Torrance.



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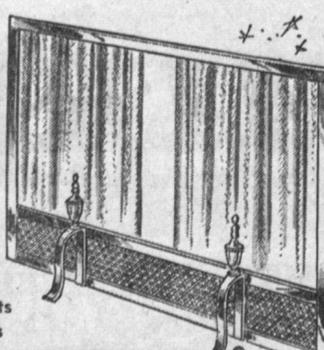
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'Little Red School House'

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in a regular classroom but never seemed so dramatically pronounced, although it actually is.



Mrs. Brown

Mrs. Lillian Brown, who has taught 10 years in Ohio and two years in Torrance, now teaches a combination 1st, 2nd, and 3rd grade class.

"I think the social growth of the child is quite outstanding," she said, in commenting on what she considered most striking about this class. "It is like a family—the children look after each other and have a loyalty to each other which is rather unusual. I have never found rapport so good."

Miss Mary Barrett, who is teaching the same three levels, has been with the Torrance Unified School District five years.

She, too, found the harmonious relationship in the classroom outstanding.

Cooperative Spirit

"The children work together as a unit," Miss Barrett stated. "The older ones help the younger ones and there is a feeling that they can go to each other for help."

Preparation for the multi-age class is just about the same as for a regular class. Both types of classes require individualized preparation except that in the multi-age class the instructional range is wider, Miss Barrett maintained.

Mrs. Irene Dolan, who is also teaching the same combination of classes, taught 13 years in Corona and two in Torrance.

"The pupils are learning to share," Mrs. Dolan cited as one of the outstanding features of this set-up. "And the classes are offering a much better opportunity for developing leadership."

"I feel that such a class is good for a teacher," she also stated. "It takes her out of a rut. I feel that I'll be a much better first grade teacher when I go back in case these classes will not be continued."

Alfred Artuso, principal of WALTERIA, was favorably impressed by the reaction to the program so far. Artuso, prior to becoming principal at WALTERIA two years ago, was vice principal at Perry and also taught 3rd, 5th, and 8th grade at Seaside.

Asked when he first felt at ease about the plan, he stated:

"I first felt at ease about it when the teachers agreed to try it and after our first parent-teacher conference which proved highly favorable toward the program."

Enthusiasm of Teachers

"What has impressed me most about the program is the enthusiasm of the teachers who are now teaching these classes."

He feels that one of the great advantages of this type of classroom arrangement is the flexibility it permits—giving teachers a greater choice as to where they can place a pupil so he can do his best work.

Artuso emphasized that all teachers from the first through sixth grade volunteered to teach these classes and that the seven who are doing so now were chosen by lot.

"The 245 students who are enrolled in these classes were selected on a voluntary basis, at the request of parents. Similarly, they may be taken out and placed back in a regular classroom any time. Such a request was made in only one instance," Artuso concluded.

is the purpose of this experiment?

A. N. Posner, assistant superintendent, educational services, summed it up as follows:

"The purpose of this program is to see if learning can take place more effectively in this pattern of organization than it does in the single grade set-up. The work that is going on out there is just good plain classroom teaching and organization. This experience magnifies the problem of how to take care of the varying needs of children in a classroom. At present," Posner concluded, "We have no plans of carrying this idea on to any other school in the district."

Dr. J. H. Hull, superintendent of schools, sees no likelihood that the plan will spread to other schools or be adopted eventually throughout the system, despite some apparent merits.

The expansion of such a program can only come about if the community wants it, Dr. Hull stated.

However, he sees some definite benefits, which the community and the school district will derive from the experiment now going on at WALTERIA elementary school.

"Even our regular classrooms have a spread in ability from three to five grades," Dr. Hull explained.

"If teachers learn to recognize that and accept it as a result of this experiment, then we will have accomplished something. The value of the experiment will be what the teachers will learn from it and pass on to the district."

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Talk Around Tartarville

By EMMA MILLS

On Tuesday, December 6, Torrance High entertained 25 foreign students who are at present attending the University of Southern California. They are from a number of different countries including Pakistan, India, Germany, Cuba, Iran, Finland, Mexico, Nigeria, Burma, Italy, Egypt, Belgium, and Malaya. We are honored to be able to entertain such notable people.

A hospitality committee was formed by the Girls League to welcome new students to THS. The members of this committee are: Seniors, Sharon Stewart, Jeanne Blank, Linda Halberg, and Carlene Sandstrom. Juniors, Wanda Cook, Sharon Neely, Sally Rathburn, and Dixie Bergen. Sophomores, Barbara Balow, Mindy Strater, Berta Rogan, and Claudie Smith. Freshmen, Carol Shinoda, Gerry Day, Mandell Clayton, and Diane Henshaw. The committee will hold a tea for new students sometime during next week.

The Seniors of '57 received their class rings, "the New Siant" on Monday, December 5. Also, they recently received their class pins and cards.

A party was held for the cast and for everyone who had a part in the Variety Show Saturday night after the show at Von Hershey's house. More than one hundred students participated in this year's production.

Millie Hoag and Clyde Moore will be married on June 20. Millie received her engagement ring a few weeks ago.

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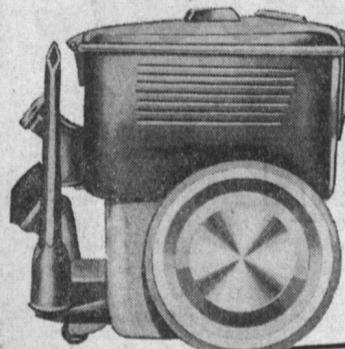
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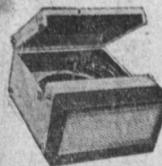


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